

## CRAB BILL GOES THROUGH HOUSE

Opposition Fails to Fight When the Crucial Test Comes.

### LOOK INTO CLOWES MATTER

Senate Again Fails to Confirm, But Names a Committee on Investigation.

The Senate, in executive session yesterday, again wrangled over the appointments of Governor Montague, yet unconfirmed, devoting the greater portion of the time to that of Mr. E. H. Clowes on the Eastern State Hospital Board.

The upshot of the session was the appointment of an investigating committee, composed of Messrs. Echols, Thomas and Tamm, with instructions to inquire into the matter and report later on.

The other three appointments heretofore passed by were not acted upon, and it is believed that the result will be that they will all go by indefinitely, and finally that others will fill their places.

Senator Archer got through the resolution cutting off the introduction of bills after February 25th. It will likely pass the House, as every one seems to realize that, owing to the limited time for the session, full consideration cannot be given the great flood of bills already offered.

The House session was devoted almost entirely to considering the new crab bill, making a close season for the taking of crabs from November to April. The measure was passed to its engrossment by an overwhelming vote, after being amended on motion of Mr. Byrd so as to require the payment of a graduated annual tax on crab boats ranging from \$1 to \$10.

Mr. Byrd had gotten matters so well in hand that there was practically no fight on his bill, and it went through in a whirl.

Both houses adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

### THE SENATE.

Considerable Headway Made in Senior Body.

Considerable headway was made by the Senate yesterday with the calendar, one bill being passed and a large number ordered to engrossment. There were no lively discussions to excite the body as on Tuesday. The event of the day was the consideration behind closed doors of the Clowes appointment and the adoption of a resolution calling for a thorough investigation of the record of the Governor's nominees.

The session opened at 11:30 o'clock with prayer by the Rev. Dr. E. N. Calisch, of Beth Abnath congregation. The attendance of members was large and of visitors small. The chair was occupied by Mr. Echols, of Staunton. Committee reports were received and a number of new bills came in. The calendar was then called, bringing up the Machen joint resolution fixing February 25th as a time limit after which no new bills shall be introduced with the exception of committee bills. The discussion was general. On the one hand it was declared to be unwise to make impossible at a late date, the introduction of important measures, while on the other hand attention was called to the danger of congestion of bills and to the fact that by the time the Senate meets again general. On the one hand it was declared to be unwise to make impossible at a late date, the introduction of important measures, while on the other hand attention was called to the danger of congestion of bills and to the fact that by the time the Senate meets again general.

An echo of Tuesday's spirited discussion of the appropriation of State funds for the aid of Confederate memorial associations having in their care the graves of Southern dead, came when the measure was taken from the calendar and adopted the first bill to be passed in the Senate in regular order.

The only vote cast in the negative was that of Mr. Greer, Republican. Mr. Sadler, of Powhatan, announced that he had opposed the measure but would bow to the will of the Senate and vote for the bill. Mr. Thomas, of Lynchburg, who also approved the bill, stated that he was paired with Mr. Wickham, of Hanover.

No Imprisonment for Debt.

After some additional discussion, the Thomas bill to prevent imprisonment for debt or violation of contractual obligations, but at the same time protecting cities in their right to compel the payment of gas, water and electricity bills, was ordered to its engrossment.

Continuation of the bill reported adversely to the committee on Finance, was passed by the Senate and set for a special order at 12:30 P. M. Wednesday of next week.

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## MAKERS OF VIRGINIA LAWS.



DELEGATE S. R. GAINES.  
(The friend of the crab.)

weapons, was indefinitely postponed, which means an end of this measure. The call of the calendar continued and a number of important bills were ordered to their engrossment, including the official measure proposed by the State auditors for the gradual extinguishment of the Virginia public debt of over \$25,000,000.

Senators walked leisurely about the room paying scant attention to the long bills as they were read in full by the clerk. A hum of conversation at times filled the hall and several sharp raps for order were necessary. The rigid enforcement of the regulation excluding the exclusion of the public from the floor was insisted upon.

At 1 P. M. Mr. Sadler arose and moved that the Senate go into executive session. In view of the temporary absence from the hall of the floor leader, Mr. Shackelford, of Orange, the Powhatan senator yielded "for a reasonable time" with the distinct understanding that he would have the floor when Mr. Shackelford should return. A bulky communication was received from the executive containing a list of pardons and commutations. The paper was passed by and ordered to be printed as a Senate document.

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Rev. Jere Witherspoon opened the House proceedings with prayer, and the gallery was crowded with visitors, among whom were many fair women.

Speaker Cardwell presided, and the first thing disposed of was the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Baker, providing that when the body adjourned, it be to meet at 11 o'clock instead of noon to-day.

The report on the Tarrance system bill was the subject of much discussion. Mr. Eldon, a member of the committee, arose

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